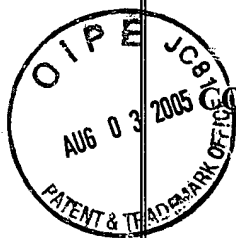


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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REQUEST For CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Address to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAIL STOP RCE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P. O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450</b></p> <p>(Revised 01/2003)</p>	Application Number 10/631,907
	Filing Date 07/31/03
	First Named Inventor: Litwinski et al.
	Art Unit: 3677
	Examiner Name: F. Saether
	Confirmation No.: 9632
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**This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.** Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: if the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449
- iv. ☒ Other Terminal Disclaimer

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2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
(\$790.00 large entity; \$395.00 small entity)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790 enclosed

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